Essay on Hen Culture.

I am convinced that there is great economy in keeping hens, if there is sufficient room for them and a through knowledge of how to manage the fowls properly. But to the professional man who is not familiar with the habits of the hen, and whose mind does not naturally and instinctively turn henward. I would say: Shun her as you would the deadly upas tree of Piscataquis County, Maine.

Nature has endowed the hen with but a limited amount of brain force. Any one will notice that, if he will compare the skull of the average self-made hen with Daniel Webster; taking careful measurements directly over the top from one ear to the other, the well-informed brain student will at once notice a great falling off in the region of reverence, and an abnormal bulging out in the location of alimentiveness.

Now, take your tape-measure, and beginning at memory, pass carefully over the occipital bone to the base of the brain in the region of love of home and offspring, and you will see that, while the hen suffers much in comparison with the statesman in the relative size of sublimity, reflection, spirituality, time, tune, etc., when it comes to love of home and offspring she shines forth with great splendor.

The hen does not care for the sublime in nature. Neither does she care for music. Music hath no charms to soften her tough old breast. But she loves her home and her country. I have sought to promote the interests of the hen to some extent, but I have not been a marked success in that line.

I can write a poem in fifteen minutes. I always could dash off a poem whenever I wanted to, and very good poem, too, for a dashed poem. I could write a speech for a friend in Congress-a speech that would be printed in the Congressional Record, and all over the United States, and be read by no one. I could enter the field of letters anywhere and attract attention, but when it comes to a sitting hen, I feel that I am not worthy. I never feel my utter unworthinees as I do in the presence of a sit-

ting hen. When the adult hen in my presence expresses a desire to sit, I excuse myself and go away. This is the supreme moment when a hen desires to be alone. That is no time for me to intrude with my shallow levity. I never do it.

It is after death that I most fully appreciate the hen. When she has been cut down early in life and fried, I respect her. No one can look upon the still features of a young hen overtaken by death in life's young morning, snuffed out as if it were an old tin lantern in a gale of wind, without being visibly af-

But it is not the hen who desires to sit for the purpose of getting out an early addition of spring chickens that I am averse to. It is the aged hen, who is in her dotage, and whose eggs are also in their second childhood. Upon this hen I shower my anathemas. Overlooked by the pruning book of time. shallow in her remarks, and a wallflower in society, she deposits her quota of eggs in the catnip conservatory, far from the haunts of men, and then in August, when eggs are very low and her collection of no value to any one but the antiquarian, she proudly calls attention to her summer's work.

This hen does not win general confidence. Shunned by good society during life, her death is regretted only by those who are called upon to assist at her obsequies. Selfish through life, her death is regarded as a calamity by those alone who are expected to eat her.

And what has such a hen to look back upon in her closing hours? A long life, perhaps, for longevity is one of the characteristics of this class of hens; but of what has that life been productive?

How many golden hours has she frittered away hovering over a porcelain door-knob trying to hatch out a litter of Queen Anne cottages? How many nights has she passed in solitude on her lonely nest with a heart filled with bitterness toward all mankind, hoping on against fate that in the fall she would come off the nest with a cunning little brick block, perhaps?

Such is the history of the aimless hen. While others were at work she stood around with her hands in her pockets and criticised the policy of those who labored, and when the summer waned she came forth with nothing but regret, to wander listlessly about and freeze off some more of her feet during the winter. For such a hen death can have no terrors .- Bill Nye, in Chicago News.

The Merman's Song. Come away, away, children; Come children, come down, The hoarse wind blows colder; Lights shine in the town. She will start from her slumber When gusts shake the door; She will hear the winds howling, Will hear the waves roar. We shall see, while above us The waves roar and whirl, A ceiling of amber, A pavement of pearl, Singing "Here came a mortal, But faithless was she;

And alone dwell for ever

The king of the sea."

But, children, at midnight, When soft the winds blow, When clear falls the moonlight, When spring tides are low, When sweet airs come seaward From heaths starred with broom, And high rocks throw mildly On the blanched sands a gloom, Up the still glistening beaches, Up the creeks we will hie, Over banks of bright seaweed The ebb tide leaves dry. We will gaze, from the sandhills, At the white, sleeping town, At the church on the hillside,

And then come back down, Singing "There dwells a loved one, But cruel is she;

She left lonely for ever The king of the sea.'

-Matthew Arnola

Chinese Notions.

They do some queer things in China. They don't use any soap to shave with, but simply rub the part to be shaved with warm water, put on with a brush like a toothbrush. The part to be shaved is never the face, but the top of the head. The front of a Chinese book is the last page, and the reader begins at the right hand corner of the page and reads down. The foot notes are always at the top. The title of the book is printed on the outside margin of the | mint.

New Use for a Bog.

A young lady whose father is one of the wealthy men of the city went abroad last summer in company with two relatives. They sailed from this port and returned hither. They allowed their general baggage to be inspected without protest. The young lady carried a diminutive pug dog in her arms. The animal was particularly ill-natured and vicious, but the young lady appeared to be very fond of the brute and carried him in her arms all the time. He wore a blanket and had a collar around his neck. I got close enough to see that the blanket was a mass of expensive lace, tacked on to the blanket to enable her to evade duty on it, and that the collar was literally studded with diamonds. What could we do? If we had held the dog there would have been a great howl over the indignity, and the girl's father had influence enough to have us all discharged. We consequently allowed the \$10 pug, with his \$2,000 blanket and his \$10,000 collar, to pass free of duty .- [Philadelphia Times.

Cremation Gaining Favor in Germany. It has taken the Germans rather long to make up their minds as to cremation; but at present they are beginning to think seriously about it, and if they adhere to their favorite motto of "Slow and sure," we may in some future day see the high crematorium chimney rise in every churchyard of the empire. That the number of those who have decided in favor of the movement is greatly increasing was recently shown when a petition for the introduction of cremation, containing 23,365 signatures, was laid before the Reichstag. The following interesting details about the professions of the subscribers show in what quarters cremation finds most favor. The list was signed by 1,942 physicians, 1,048 lawyers and professors, 849 schoolmasters, 1,015 government officials, 10 Protestant clergymen. 3 rabbis, 361 women, and 6,000 workingmen, the remaining number being made to by merchants, manufacturers, tradesmen

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cago, Ill.; There was published in the Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat and Chronicle of the 31st of December a statement made by J. B. Henion, M. D., narrating how he had been cured of Bright's disease of the kidneys, almost Safe Cure. I was referred to in that statement, as having recommended and urged Dr. Henion to try the remedy, which he did, and was cured. The statement of Dr. and I believe it to be true in all other respects. He was a parishioner of mine and I visited him in his sickness. I urged him to take the medicine and would do the same again to any one who was troubled

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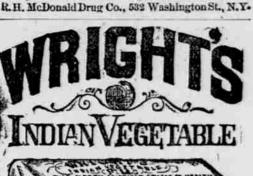
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